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Main Entry: trans-for-ma-tion

Pronunciation: "tran(t)s-f&r-'mA-sh&n, -for-

Function: noun Date: 15th century

1: an act, process, or instance of transforming or being transformed

2: false hair worn especially by a woman to replace or supplement natural hair

3 a (1): the operation of changing (as by rotation or mapping) one configuration or expression into another in accordance with a mathematical rule; especially: a change of variables or coordinates in which a function of new variables or coordinates is substituted for each original variable or coordinate (2): the formula that effects a transformation b: FUNCTION 5a c: an operation that converts (as by insertion, deletion, or permutation) one grammatical string (as a sentence) into another; also: a formal statement of such an operation

4 a : genetic modification of a bacterium by incorporation of free DNA from another ruptured bacterial cell -- compare TRANSDUCTION b: genetic modification of a cell by the uptake and incorporation of exogenous DNA

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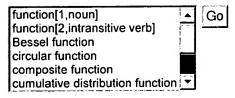
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Main Entry: ¹func•tion ◆

Pronunciation: 'f&[ng](k)-sh&n

Function: noun

Etymology: Latin function-, functio performance, from fungi to

perform; probably akin to Sanskrit bhunkte he enjoys

Date: 1533

1: professional or official position: OCCUPATION

2: the action for which a person or thing is specially fitted or used or for which a thing exists: PURPOSE

3: any of a group of related actions contributing to a larger action; especially: the normal and specific contribution of a bodily part to the economy of a living organism

4: an official or formal ceremony or social gathering

5 a: a mathematical correspondence that assigns exactly one element of one set to each element of the same or another set **b**: a variable (as a quality, trait, or measurement) that depends on and varies with another <height is a function of age>; also: RESULT <illnesses that are a function of stress>

6: characteristic behavior of a chemical compound due to a particular reactive unit; *also*: <u>FUNCTIONAL GROUP</u>

7: a computer subroutine; *specifically*: one that performs a calculation with variables provided by a program and supplies the program with a single result

- func-tion-less 4» /-1&s/ adjective

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